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A Visit from Senator Lugar

Courtland Caldwell
Staff Writer

Yesterday afternoon Senator Richard Lugar spoke to the Rose-Hulman community about his views on current affairs and the nature of modern American warfare. Lugar, Indiana's longest enduring Senator ever, is currently in his fifth term of the United States Senate. He is the chairman of the Committee of Foreign Relations and is known for his work on disarming nuclear warheads in the former Soviet Union.

The Nunn-Lugar Act which came into effect in 1991 provided funds for the nuclear and chemical disarmament of an impoverished Russia. The act also provided funding to encourage former Soviet scientists to move to America to discourage them from seeking employment by rogue states. Despite his profound contribution to the Republican Party, Lugar's speech was largely apolitical. Instead of addressing party rhetoric Lugar addressed the ways in which the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 changed the policies and tactics of America's strategic armed forces.

Lugar's lecture discussed the immediate impact the 9-11 attacks had on the United States relations with India and Pakistan. Lugar claims that Colin Powell came to him and other members of the Foreign Relations community requesting that relationships with India and Pakistan be immediately repaired. Both countries were at the time under sanctions for their parts in testing nuclear weapons but as their help was needed, due largely because of their proximities to Afghanistan, it was in the nation's interest to remove the sanctions.

Lugar went on to discuss the war in Afghanistan covering two major points: the war was largely technological and lacking the rank and file aspects of previous wars and that the United States was forced to enter the business of nation building. Lugar told a story about the airborne elimination of more than one hundred members of the Taliban by the Northern Alliance, emphasizing that only a few American troops were actually on the ground, pin-pointing the targets and calling in the bombs from the sky. He then concluded his exposition on Afghanistan by contrasting the abandonment of Afghanistan to its own fate at the departure of the Soviet Union to the current policy of setting up a national democracy.

Lugar then explained what is required to build a nation: understanding the local and regional disputes and implementing a system with sufficient resources to handle them. Lugar cited regional Warlords, Afghanistan's constitutional recognition of Muslim tenets, and the problem of inequality for women as examples specific to Afghanistan.

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Terre Haute not smelling so rosy

Nicole Hartkemeyer &
Laura Krause

Described by comedian Steve Martin as the "Armpit of America," Terre Haute has a stinky reputation. Local company Wabash Environmental Technologies, LLC was recently fined \$25,000 by Vigo County's Air Pollution Control office for the objectionable odors they were emitting, a trend new Terre Haute Mayor-Elect Kevin Burke hopes to change during his term in office.

Wabash Environmental Technologies received the large fine after over 100 citizen complaints were reported about a strong chemical odor stinging the eyes, nose, and throat. Terre Haute residents detailed continued health problems ranging from headaches to sinus infections.

According to zoning rules, odors cannot extend beyond a property line, and county code reads: "No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the emission of gaseous materials in such quantities to cause an 'objectionable odor.'"

George Needham, Director of Vigo County's Air Pollution Control office, commented that he's not sure what the company has done to improve the problem, but that the Air Pollution Control office has decided to hold off on any more fines for now.

"In the future they will be meeting with the EPA," Needham stated. The EPA may then decide to pursue civil penalties.

As long as there are no more physical effects of the smell or medical problems attributed to it, fines will be avoided. "We have letters from people that have been to the doctor. That's what we want to keep from happening," added Needham.

Needham also reported that in the past five to six years, almost a dozen local Terre Haute businesses were cited for breaking regulations of air quality. The problems included failing statistical tests, releasing unwanted dust components, and violating several asbestos regulations.

Mayor-Elect Kevin Burke has spoken with the Air Pollution Control office on several occasions, discussing how to



<http://www.myjane.com>

City officials believe that improving air quality is an important step for Terre Haute.

make improvements on the problem of Terre Haute's odor. They are now concentrating on older issues such as the sewer treatment plant, and are planning to take action to upgrade that system.

State and Federal authorities have set a city mandate requiring Terre Haute to separate storm sewers from sanitary sewers. This is a national issue called combined sewer overflow (CSO) that is expected to cost

Terre Haute approximately \$45 million.

During his campaign Burke also discussed the possible development of incentives for local "stinky" companies who move away from residential areas and into other sites such as industrial parks. Getting rid of the smell is a big part of how Burke wants to improve people's perception of Terre Haute.

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Parking 101

Bob Schulein
Co-Editor-in-Chief

It was a normal Wednesday for this particular student. He had just picked up pizzas for his weekly club meeting and was ready to start it in Olin. The closest parking spot was the visitor's parking space running along the front of Hadley and Olin. He parked there, thinking nothing of it because it was well after 5 p.m.

To his surprise, there was a \$10 ticket from Public Safety waiting for him after the meeting.

There has been some confusion on campus as to which spaces are legally open for students, especially during night time hours. Gary Flora, Director of Public Safety, sets the record straight: "Visitor's parking spaces are reserved 24 hours a day. A lot of people who come here don't know where they are going. This is convenient for them without making them walk a mile from a parking lot."

Other lots, which are restricted to student use during business hours, have other regulations. Faculty/Staff lots and "Service Vehicle Only" spots are open to students between 5p.m. and 7a.m. on weekdays and all the time on weekends. Faculty/Staff spots are painted on the ground in white while student spots are yellow.

Flora stated that another misconception is where commuters can park during school hours. Commuters, who have a different colored parking sticker than on-campus students, should only park in the lots designated as commuter lots. "Logically, Moench lot and Moench lot North provide the most convenient parking for commuters because of their close proximity to academic buildings," he said.

Problems have occurred before with residence hall students not being able to park near their dorms because of off-campus students, Flora said. On campus students



Photo by Carmen DuVall

A major parking impediment on campus.

who "make a run out to Kroger to get some staples should have a spot waiting when [they] get back."

When a student is parked illegally, the punishment is a \$10 citation from Public Safety for each violation. So, if a student's vehicle is not registered and is parked in a faculty lot, the student will receive a \$20 fine. "My least favorite part of this job is writing parking tickets," said Pub-

lic Safety Officer Bill Reed.

Flora agrees with Reed's statement. He said that about 95% of the students are very cooperative in parking, but that there are some people who refuse to obey the parking rules. "They'll do it the Frank Sinatra way: 'I'll do it my way,'" Flora said. "Parking tickets are the thing that comes back and bites them."

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Not smelling so rosy from Page 1...

In an interview with Burke he commented, "The smell is the number one priority in improving Terre Haute's image."

Even though many were not from the area, and in some cases not from the state, several Rose-Hulman students were able to tell stories they heard about the infamous Terre Haute stench.

Long-term Terre Haute residents say that the smell has actually improved significantly. Comments from residents in the past have stated the smell was once so bad it melted the paint off cars. Burke stated, "I've lived here for 29 years, and it's only 25 percent as bad as it used to be."

When students living on 6th street were asked if they noticed any difference in the odor since they came to Rose had a lot to say about the stinky situation.

"[The smell is] worse after raining, but not any better than usual," stated Spring McEwen, a senior civil engineering major.

"It's no different than any other big city," according to Cyril Duffala, a senior mechanical engineering major.

"The smell is the same. Worse when it's been hot," added Jennifer Shafer, a senior mechanical engineering major.

According to Needham, there

is no one company responsible for the bad odor.

Sources for the odor in Terre Haute come from companies like the International Paper Company, the only paper plant in Indiana. They produce a byproduct called dioxin, a highly toxic chemical, and their open air mill sludge can be smelled from the local movie theaters.

Coal burning plants, like Cinergy's Wabash River Generating plant produce sickly sweet furnace odor and are significant sources of mercury, which can lead to a buildup in local soil and water. High levels of mercury are associated with developmental disorders.

Creosote, a human carcinogen used in coating railroad ties, is produced by Railworks Inc. Located near Farrington Grove, it adds to the variety of sulfurous and petroleum odors found in this area.

If you notice it's a bad day for air pollution, call the Vigo County Air Pollution Control Department, 462-3433; they rely on community members to call them when there is a problem. If pollution is persistent, email a complaint to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, District 5. A complaint form is located at <http://www.epa.gov/region5/enforcement/ecitcomp.htm>

Winter doldrums

Winter in the Midwest is often associated with snow, cold temperatures and shorter days. Furthermore, winter is associated with what is commonly referred to as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). SAD symptoms are usually most prominent during January and February. While it is not clear what causes some people to develop SAD during the winter months, some may have more pronounced physiological changes associated with a change in their circadian rhythms or "biological internal clocks". Fewer hours of sunlight is thought to be the main etiology of SAD. It has been estimated that 25 percent of the population suffers from a mild form of SAD and 5 percent of the population develops severe symptoms of SAD. The American Psychiatric Association reported that women and young people have

a higher risk of developing SAD.

According to the National Mental Health Association, the symptoms of SAD are:

- Symptoms of depression occur regularly during the fall or winter months (changes in sleeping and eating habits; persistent sad, anxious or "empty" mood; loss of pleasure in activities once enjoyed).
 - Depression subsides in the spring and summer months.
 - Symptoms have occurred in the past two years, with no non-seasonal depression episodes.
 - Seasonal episodes substantially outnumber non-seasonal depression episodes.
 - The individual craves sugary or starchy foods.
- Treatment of mild cases of SAD may be as simple as

spending more time exercising outdoors during daylight hours. In addition, one might also arrange an indoor work area so that they can receive more sunlight. More severe cases may need specialized treatment and one should consult a mental health professional for assessment and treatment.

If you are a student at RHIT and you feel you may be having symptoms associated with SAD, depression, anxiety or just a case of the Blahs, you may contact the RHIT Student Counseling Center for free. To talk to a caring professional, call 877-8537 to arrange an appointment or you may email a counselor at:

- Heidi.Larson@rose-hulman.edu
- Lori.M.Cichon@rose-hulman.edu
- Brent.T.Tucker@rose-hulman.edu

Parking from Page 1...

Flora regrets that tickets have to be given out, but says that it is a small price to pay for students considering that parking is free. ISU charges students and faculty \$85 for a year of parking. In addition, tickets are \$20 per violation.

"If you're a good citizen for the four years you're [at Rose], it won't cost you a penny to park," Flora said. "We could charge for

decals, but don't want to pass that cost on to students."

"Every rule and regulation is to make things safer for our school and community," Flora said. This is why parking stickers are required for all students. Stickers should be placed in a visible place on a student's vehicle. The stickers "mostly tell us about friendly vehicles," said Flora. "It can expedite an emergency."

Students who do not have a parking sticker may obtain one by going to the Office of Public

Safety. Also available is the "Traffic Regulations" pamphlet produced by Public Safety

Back to the student with the ticket. After feeling he got the ticket undeservedly, the student went to public safety and talked to them about it. Though he was in error, Public Safety cleared the ticket and told him about the official rules.

"Any individual with a traffic concern should contact John Wolfe or me," Flora said. "We want students to know that we're here for them."

Lugar from Page 1...

Lugar then moved onto Iraq with a description of its newly forming democracy, "it's the type of democracy where you have to volunteer knowing it could be dangerous to your life," referring to a group of middle class Iraqi's that he met with while visiting post-war Iraq, who expressed practical concerns about schools and pharmaceuticals. Lugar drew a connection to Afghanistan's constitutional process by explaining the complex issue of Muslim doctrine of law in the upcoming Iraqi constitution.

In response to a question Lugar confessed his concern that the United States military is probably stretched too thin. He cited the present deficit as a likely reason and suggested that a group of people who specialize in nation building might help alleviate the issue by allowing U.S. military to focus on in-and-out warfare and not having to handle police work. Lugar also spoke briefly about China's role in the North Korean situation, the Patriot Act, the deficit, and the failure to capture Osama Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein during the question and answer phase of the presentation.

After his presentation Lugar had dinner with a select group of Rose-Hulman community members in the Hulman Union. Professor of History William Pickett expressed his pleasure at meeting with Senator Lugar and voiced his praise for Lugar's moderate and big picture understanding of world events.

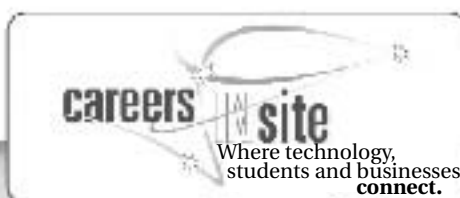


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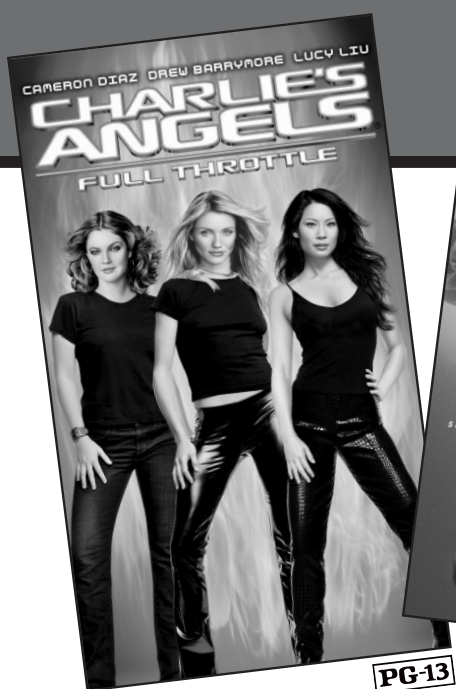
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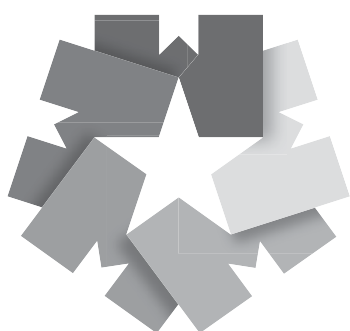


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Eric Smith
Staff Writer

While I commonly associate with jam band music, I simply don't know moe. as well as I should. So, I decided to see them in concert--how I typically like to be introduced to bands. Studio albums usually form a basis for the jams and really convey the energy and talent of the bands.

By the time I got to the show, I had heard ten to fifteen moe. tracks and was fairly impressed. It appeared to be better-than-average jam band material: more rock 'n' roll, less bluegrass. It was 8:30p.m. by the time I passed the frisk-test at the Murat Egyptian Room Friday night, and since that was the time emblazoned on my ticket stub, I was ready to start grooving to the band's tunes.

Now, one thing about jam bands—they're never on time. Maybe it's to keep the crowd in suspense, maybe the band is partaking in some stereotypical hippie recreation; I don't know. Unfortunately, the ticket didn't

moe. concert not so money

mention the opening act.

As they walked out on stage, my friends and I briefly mistook them for moe., as Al Schnier (guitar/vocals) and Vinnie Amico (drums) of moe. are both members of the unexpected opening act, Al & the Transamericans. The Transamericans aren't a jam band; they're not bluegrass, jazz, or rock. Their hour-long set of roots rock was trite and bland, with whiny vocals and no funk to be found.

Neither I, nor my friends, nor (from what I could tell) was the crowd amused. The three of us forsook our standing positions about three rows from the stage before the set was finished to visit the toilet and grab some water before the rush during the break.

A little after 10:30, moe. walked nonchalantly onto stage and opened with "Bring It Back Home," which got the crowd moving. The following "Water" into "Kids" jam was good, but representative of the rest of the night: simple, uninteresting mood music filling too-long gaps between jams and

choruses. While I respect the languid on-stage attitude of Rob Berhak (bass/lead vocals) even during some funky slap-bass, it is all too conducive to the almost boring periods in which the band allowed the audience to calm down.

The next jam was "Opium" into "32 Things" which, though shot-through with the night's trademark slow jams, showed some impressive guitar work by Schnier and Chuck Garvey and some nice background laid down by Kirk Juhas of the Transamericans on keys. Transamericans member Gordon Stone played pedal steel on this track and while he's no Robert Randolph, the three-way guitar "battle" (not an allegro-fortissimo-muchocruncho metal guitar battle, but a battle nonetheless) was energetic and funky. After an impressive thirty to forty minutes of jamming through the two tracks, the band took a set break.

Sick of the bad scene up front (the line to the men's toilet was about forty people long and the

lone cup at the water dispenser was lying sideways on the ground like a dead bird) we retired to the tables toward the back of the Egyptian Room.

While the music was enjoyable, the crowd grew unbearable, and we discussed leaving early as the second set began. We sat through the "Spaz Medicine" into "Bullet" jam, which continued the pattern established in the first set.

Feeling that the inebriated behavior of the gentleman at the adjacent table (verbal taunting and then smashing of plastic cups) was a sign that the scene's bad vibe was escalating, and foreseeing nothing new in the remainder of the show, my friends and I decided to leave.

While I've heard that moe. shows are a good experience, I didn't have a particularly good time. The venue and the crowd both detracted from the show and affected the band's performance as well as the audience's experience. Despite these problems, I was impressed a number of times, so I won't pass judgment quite yet.

Out this week . . .

- In Movies**
Something's Gotta Give
Directed by Nancy Meyers
Starring Jack Nicholson
Rated PG-13
- Stuck on You*
Directed by The Farrelly Bros.
Starring Matt Damon
Rated PG-13
- Love Don't Cost a Thing*
Directed by Troy Beyer
Starring Nick Cannon
Rated PG-13
- In DVDs**
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Starring Nathan Fillion
- Buffy the Vampire Slayer*: 5th Season
Starring Sarah Michelle Gellar
- M*A*S*H*: 5th Season
Starring Alan Alda

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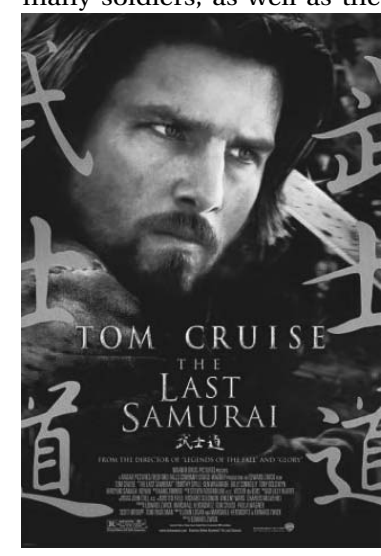
Jacob P. Silvia
Entertainment Editor

What do you get when you cross post-civil war inebriated soldiers with the graceful and elegant age-old traditions of the Japanese samurai? Simply put: the most recent Tom Cruise film to hit the movie screen this year.

Captain Nathan Algren (Cruise) is given a simple task by a Japanese businessman: to serve the Emperor better, Algren needs to train the Japanese military such that they may be a force against the "plague" of Samurai, former servants of Japan. Algren, having no other career to fuel his alcohol addiction takes on this high-Herculean task, and begins training the army the rudimentary military methods.

Tom Cruise turning Japanese? I really think so

barely trained army take on the approaching samurai, to which Algren protests to his loathsome superior officer, Colonel Bagley (Tony Goldwyn). The outcome is bleak, causing the death of many soldiers, as well as the



capture of Algren.

Now, surrounded by his foes, both he and the leader of the samurai, Katsumoto (Ken Watanabe) adhere to the phrase "know thy enemy."

Be it his juxtaposition to this pure culture or his suppressed empathy coming through, he adopts the practices of this culture, eventually becoming a samurai himself.

The movie, directed by

Edward Zwick, does not turn in to a dull war movie. It seemed as if every moment in the movie was included for one reason or another, each adding to the totality of entertainment, making this film 144 minutes well spent.

If you like movies about samurai or movies about war, chances are you will like "The Last Samurai" as well.

Adrian Throop
Staff Writer

It's a new album from The Beatles! Well, not really. But it's kinda new! "Let It Be... Naked" is this new Beatles album. Paul McCartney is the only former Beatle credited with doing any new work on the album's production, so in a way it is McCartney's brainchild.

But what exactly is it? It is still all 11 tracks that appear on 1969's "Let It Be." McCartney has apparently that the clean cut recordings are not what the public needs to be singing along to. In turn, he has gone into The Beatles archives and pulled out the demo tapes and initial, untouched reels of tape. From those, he has found the original 11 tracks in their "naked" form. But the quality of these tapes was unworthy of release, so McCartney and his group of producers have re-mastered the demo versions into clean crisp sounds. Basically, McCartney took the original clean release, stripped it down to its rawest form, then cleaned up the raw form so they would sound, well, more like the original release.


Once you get your head around the logic of why the album was even released, there is a nice album here to enjoy. The songs do sound different, some more than others; "Two of Us" bumps with a different feel in the

The Beatles full frontal

drum section, and throughout the album the guitar sounds scream of underground New York rock of the late 60's. If "I've Got a Feeling" is not currently your favorite song off of "Let It Be," hearing "Naked" might change your mind. Other shining points of "Let It Be" are still ever present; "Let It Be" remains a gem of a ballad, and "One After 909" still has the Elvis swagger that makes you want to dance and make funny lip gestures.

The album is packaged as a double disc. The second of which, as the album notes state, is "a unique insight into the Beatles at work in rehearsal and in the studio during January, 1969." This is quite a statement. To decode it for you, the second disc is an hour or so of the Beatles sitting around talking and then playing random songs that appear on "Let It Be." For the die-hard fan this is a fun endeavor, otherwise it seems excessive.

"Let It Be... Naked," as a whole, is a fun and enjoyable re-discovery of the original. For those who keep track of the "who gets credit for writing Beatles songs" saga, the liner notes credit Lennon/McCartney for their songs and Harrison for his. As the opening piano notes come in on its title track, "Let It Be... Naked" leaves you smiling just as people have been doing for 30 years. Even if you find the concept for the release to be silly, it is still a good excuse to listen to a classic.



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Brandon Hathaway
Opinions Editor

In the movie "The Naked Gun," hapless members of the LAPD try to prevent an assassination attempt on the Queen of England. The only thing is, the bad guys use a device to brainwash people (at one point a member of the police) to do their dirty work. The brainwashed assailant, whether Priscilla Presley or OJ Simpson (ha), did not know right from wrong while making the attack.

If a lawyer could prove that these two had not known right from wrong when they tried to murder the Queen, they would not be found guilty in a court of law, because they were temporarily insane.

There have been two high profile legal topics in the news

relating to insanity, temporary or otherwise, with respect to criminals and their punishment. John Hinckley, the man who attempted to assassinate President Reagan to impress Jodie Foster, is pressing for the right to spend Christmas with his parents without supervision. His doctors have ruled him "cured."

The legal counsel of Lee Malvo, the younger of the men on trial for the sniper shootings around the Washington, D.C. area, is using a temporary insanity defense in his murder trial.

Lee Malvo's legal defense is essentially revolving around using his temporary insanity to mitigate sentencing, preventing him from being placed on death row. The defense revolves around a fixation on the movies in "The Matrix" series and an extreme indoctrination by his "mentor," John Muhammad.

I find it difficult to understand how, when debates are conducted in trials to determine whether a person is actually mentally ill, that a person can be absolutely "cured." I also think that a legal defense based on an obsession with a movie is pretty

weak.

Then again, I am not a legal or mental health expert, and I doubt that you are. I think this is a problem; the news is frequently dominated by legal stories, and the amount of coverage that the insanity defense gets is much higher by proportion than the amount of times it is used in court.

According to Ted Landphair's article that appeared on December 6 at voanews.com, the insanity defense is used in a legal setting in less than one percent of cases and is successful in less than a quarter of those. However, high profile cases using this tactic frequently appear in the news and are subjects for movies, not all of which are as ridiculous as "The Naked Gun."

I expect that there is a very small number of people outside the legal profession who understand what it means to

be legally temporarily insane. There are probably some inside who do not understand either.

This can lead to a perceived injustice; both because there are people who can get away with faking insanity and that many who could be helped and rehabilitated by treatment get punishments they may not deserve. Perceived injustice is also what caused Lee Malvo pick up a rifle in anger in the first place.

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There needs to be a very specific, clear and publicized explanation of what the insanity defense means. The mentally ill who are dangerous are kept from society in general, and society in general does not know much about them. However, the temporal quality of how one can not know right from wrong when the crime was committed, is almost baffling. It seems like every crime of passion could fall under

this umbrella; that, of course, is not true.

There are a number of people who need help and do not receive it until they commit a crime. More understanding of what the causes and effective treatments are for the people who genuinely need it should be stressed in more public and serious ways. That does not, however, diminish the fact that people like Lee Malvo and John Hinckley are dangerous.

If it turns out that Hinckley's treatment was entirely successful, as his doctors suggest, and he will never pose a threat to another human being as a result of his mental illness, then he should probably be allowed to spend Christmas with his parents. If Lee Malvo can slip into a fit of moral cloudiness to the point that he does not understand that killing another person in cold blood with a sniper rifle is not acceptable, then that danger may outweigh the fleeting insanity that plagues him and his illness may not be sufficient to keep him from the justice that would be meted out if he were not ill.

Framing Religious Debates

Julie Park
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12/09/2003

In the debate over gay marriage, Christians tend to be dismissed by their opponents as fools who live by an ancient book, and they use that only selectively. (Last week's Nicholas Kristof column in The New York Times is an example.)

So what if God condemns homosexuality, they say, the Bible also says to stone people for working on the Sabbath and that eating shellfish is wrong! They then congratulate themselves for turning Christians' own book against them, expecting Christians' jaws to drop in awe. "Gee, that never occurred to me!" they would exclaim in this fantasy. "Maybe this God fellow isn't so reasonable after all!" Arguments like these reduce Christians to caricatures -- Bible-thumping, finger-wagging rednecks too brainwashed to see the obvious "flaws" in their religion, too ignorant to know as much about their own beliefs as even their opponents do.

To ridicule Christians, proponents of gay marriage have resorted to a tactic that shows no regard to historical context or how and why the majority of Christians live out their faith. The tactic is as common as it is cheap. Christians make a statement - "God forbids premarital sex," "We are required to honor our parents," "The Bible prohibits

homosexuality" -- that many feel is outdated and irrelevant. To discredit such beliefs (and perhaps also the entire religion and all its followers), they respond by mocking obscure Jewish civil laws from the Old Testament, and claiming they invalidate all Christian moral teaching. (These champions of tolerance should note that orthodox Jews do try to obey the commandments literally, all 613 of them, including strict observance of the Sabbath and dietary laws that these freethinkers may find silly and arcane. Although there is no longer a theocracy that imposes civil penalties, this minority keeps the commandments central in their lives. So much for being politically correct.)

Why compare laws regarding a broad area of life such as sexual behavior to trifling civil laws? Why not compare one rule about sexual behavior -- homosexuality -- to others, such as premarital sex, bestiality, rape, and incest (all prohibited by the Bible)? But that is not the main issue.

Contrary to popular belief, it isn't that Christians don't know such "ridiculous" laws exist, and therefore can take the Bible seriously. In order to be made righteous by the law, Christians believe, we would have to obey all the

commands perfectly. Since we are unable to do so, making the law ineffective for gaining salvation, Jesus died in our place and his righteousness is accepted by God instead of ours.

While the law's requirements do apply to us, it is only by taking on Christ's righteousness through his death that we are able to fulfill the law. Thus, the laws of the Old Testament (before Christ) are not directly applicable to us as Christians. (However, the New Testament, whose moral teaching is directly applicable to Christians, does talk about sexual morality; see Romans 1.)

While the law is no longer the means for salvation, it remains a guide for what God's will is. Certainly, some who profess

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to be Christians are also known to appropriate Bible verses and use them out of context for their own agendas. But however widespread it may be, this behavior is not a reflection of God, the Bible or Christianity, but rather that of the individuals.

There will always be people who hide behind faith, profession, circumstance, love, insanity -- whatever

means necessary -- to justify actions and lives that are far from admirable. Besides, "Some Christians misuse the Bible too" is hardly an excuse for others make superficial, inaccurate readings. Not only is it shortsighted to think all who oppose you do so because they lack intelligence, sense or plain sanity, you won't win people over to your side through condescension.

You won't convert those who are pro-death penalty by saying, "Guess what, you're ending a life prematurely," just as pro-lifers won't do much by saying, "Look, a fetus is a potential human being." All you gain through making a contemptuous, obvious argument is a minority of sheep and the hearty backing of those who already agree with you.

You haven't neared understanding; you've added fury to the debate. Christians know there are easy-to-ridicule Old Testament laws that they do not follow, and they have their reasons for not following them. Gleefully pointing it out is not only trivial and fruitless, it also makes you look ignorant -- of your opponents' point of view, of the historical context of the Bible, of the entire basis of Christianity, which is the birth and death of Jesus Christ.

The important issues of our day should be debated with less condescension, more research. Less mockery, more arguments. If you're going to criticize (and be scornful while you're at it), at least take the time to be accurate.

Response to 'Abuse of all.students?'

Brandon Hathaway
Opinions Editor

Last week on this page, a commentary appeared that took issue with an e-mail that was sent concerning an opportunity to attend a missionary trip to Russia. The Thorn staff members who wrote it felt uncomfortable with the biased nature of the correspondence and felt that such an e-mail should not have been sent.

It is unfortunate that the e-mail upset members of the Rose Community, but I think it would be more unfortunate if an opportunity as unique as this were not brought to the attention of students. The commentary did specifically outline the possibility that the e-mail could very easily be deleted in place of reading a potentially offensive message. That language of the letter containing an opportunity of any sort is secondary to the opportunity itself.

No one should be concerned with being politically correct when offering an entirely unique possibility to the student body. Naturally, there is a difference between being intentionally hurtful of other groups and the sort of misunderstanding that occurred last week. It is fairly evident that this e-mail was not an attempt to be deceptive.

I would hope that a person with a message that should be given to the student body will not be discouraged out of fear to send it.

You know what I hate? U-Wire articles.

You should not let it happen again.

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ose sports rundown

Andrew Twarek

MEN'S BASKETBALL (5-1)

Last Week:

Rose-Hulman 72, Robert Morris-Springfield 59 – Rose-Hulman put four players in double figure scoring last Tuesday, earning another win to move to 6-1. Led by *Munchie Muskeyvalley* with 18 points, *Brian Bibb* and *Kareem Lee* added 13 points each. Lee fell one rebound shy of the double-double, and Bibb had seven boards. The team shot an outstanding 57% from the field to earn a 44-25 halftime lead, and finished the game at 55% shooting from behind the arc.

Home games this week:

Rose-Hulman vs. Franklin College (3-2) – Thurs., Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. at Hulbert Arena (Terre Haute)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (2-6)

Last Week:

St. Mary-of-the Woods 62, Rose-Hulman 45 – Rose-Hulman made a good start to a tough game, leading by eight in the first half, but lost the 11th Clabber Girl Trophy Thursday night. Down by five at the half, they cut the margin to one with 15:00 left and four with 6:00, but even 22 points from freshman *Rebekah Forsyth* wasn't enough. She added eight rebounds, and *Anna Hall* pulled down 10 boards, scoring seven points. *Jessica Farmer* had eight boards, seven points, seven turnovers, four steals, two assists, and a blocked shot to fill every column. *Carrie Wiley* dished out five assists to lead the Engineers.

Rose-Hulman 60, Greenville 59 and Rose-Hulman 72, Manchester 64 at DePauw Classic -- The Lady Engineers picked up their first two wins this season with victories in Greencastle last weekend. Forsyth stood out among Engineer scoring, putting up two double-doubles, totaling 35 points and 21 rebounds. Other top offenders for Rose-Hulman were Farmer with 30 and Hall with 28. Farmer also blocked four shots and Hall made six assists on the tournament.

This week:

Rose-Hulman vs. Robert Morris-Springfield (3-7) – Sun., Dec. 14, 3 p.m. at Hulbert Arena (Terre Haute)

Rose-Hulman vs. Blackburn College (1-5) – Tues., Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. at Hulbert Arena (Terre Haute)

ATHLETES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

M. Basketball:

The Men's Basketball Team came out shooting after their narrow win last week. They defeated Robert Morris hitting 45% from the field, 55% from outside, including 57% field goals in the first half to stretch the win streak to five.

W. Basketball:

Freshman *Rebekah Forsyth* scored 22 points (half of the Engineers' total) against Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, and averages 17 ppg, shooting .430 on the season.

Swim / Dive:

Sophomore *Craig Kedrowski* led the Engineers at DePauw, finishing in the top eight in three events.

Wrestling:

Byron Sanders and *Collin Wyse* both placed in the top eight in the 174-lb weight class at the Indiana Little State Championships at the University of Indianapolis... despite having to wrestle each other.

WRESTLING

Last week:

Rose-Hulman Places Four Individuals at Little State Championships – Sophomore *Tom Aigner* (197 lbs) led the Engineers with a second-place finish and a 2-1 record at Little State last weekend. Two wrestlers placed in the 174-lb class: *Byron Sanders* was fifth at 3-2 and *Collin Wyse* came in eighth with a 2-3 record and one pin. (Sanders defeated Wyse in a 5-4 decision.) Freshman Billy Whitehouse (141 lbs) also made the leaderboard, with a 3-2 record for a sixth place finish.

This week:

Rose-Hulman hosts Rose-Hulman Duals – Fri., Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. against Olivet (Mich.) and William Penn (Iowa)

SWIMMING and DIVING

Last week:

Men 5th, Women 6th at DePauw Invitational; Divers at Wabash Classic – The men's team placed several swimmers in the leading eight to place fifth of nine teams at DePauw last weekend. To top the Engineers, sophomore *Craig Kedrowski* finished fourth in the 1-mile butterfly, sixth in the 200-yard butterfly, and eighth in the 400-yard IM. Two senior Engineers had a pair of top-eight finishes. Swimmah *Dave Breiding* took a fifth in the 100-yard backstroke and a seventh in the 200, while *Ryan Mackos* with fifth in the 200-yard freestyle and an eighth in the 100.

On the ladies side, *Chrissy Guidi*, *Jes Frank*, and freshmen *Erin O'Connor* and *Elaine Kratz*, combined for a fourth place finish in the 200-yd medley relay. Individual placings were O'Connor with a seventh in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes, and Guidi's seventh in the 100-yard backstroke.

Four Engineer divers competed in Crawfordsville the same weekend. Sophomore Eric Fenelon finished fifth of nine men, and Emily Timperman placed sixth among the women.

This week:

Nothing scheduled



Photo Courtesy Rose-Hulman

Freshman Rebekah Forsyth currently shot a total of 22 points in last night's women's basketball game against Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Upcoming athletic events

Tonight, December 12, 2003

-Wrestling hosts Rose-Hulman Duals, 5:00

Tomorrow, December 13, 2003

-Men's Basketball at Anderson University, 3 p.m.

Sunday, December 14, 2003

-Women's Basketball vs. Robert Morris-Springfield, 3 p.m.

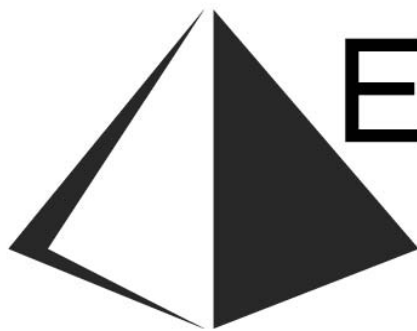
Tuesday, December 16, 2003

-Women's Basketball vs. Blackburn College, 7:30 p.m.

-Men's Basketball at Hanover College, 7:30 p.m.

(Games in bold denote home games)

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Shut up, all of you. On your knees.

Friday, December 12, 2003



"Cheating with style... or the design process. Whatever you want to call it."

--Prof. Ferguson, on how to be an engineer

"I look exactly like Brad-damn-Pitt."

--Prof. Sherman, being dis-damn-honest

"A lot of curves... soft and nice... like Kubota-Sensei."

--Prof. Kubota, explaining how to tell Hiragana from Katakana

"I can't play poker, so I'm BRINGING THE BOOZE!"

--Prof. Sutterer, fighting for his right to party

"You came here to torture me."

--Prof. Granieri, on a student who wouldn't show his work

"...and then I said we had the other things that happened to the other things..."

--Prof. Thomas, being... vague

"You can catch me in my office until 4:20, because I have a meeting every day at that time."

--Prof. Pickett, giving students the 4-1-1

"Capital D, capital P, and that rhymes with... err, stands for... never mind."

--Prof. Carlson, on Maple's Dot Product function

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Top Ten Uses For Your Yearbook

10. Trade it in for valuable prizes!
9. Cut out pictures, form mosaic of Dr. Hulbert's face.
8. Build giant paper airplane to pursue escaping I-Jin.
7. Burn for heat and subtle aroma.
6. Use it to prop up credenza.
5. Discover secret message from KGB, spy on Modulus staff.
4. Press flowers, leaves, and the occasional Asian beetle.
3. Play "connect the tool."
2. Bludgeon roommate, take Snack Pack.
1. Look someone up in the index.

Soda Champion

There is a new arena on campus to prove one's superiority in the sport of soda purchasing. At the RHIT CS Soda Machine website, <http://soda.cs.rose-hulman.edu>, warriors such as "philbrna," "Futile," and "azhar" battle to buy the greatest total number of sodas.

However, like any arena, the "Top Ten Most Frequent Customers" list has a champion: the mysterious "hertzjr." This intrepid guzzler of carbonated, flavored sugar water is ahead by an incredible 56 cans of soda. It is unclear what connection this mysterious scion has with the similarly-named Joshua Rueben Hertz of infamy. The world may never know.

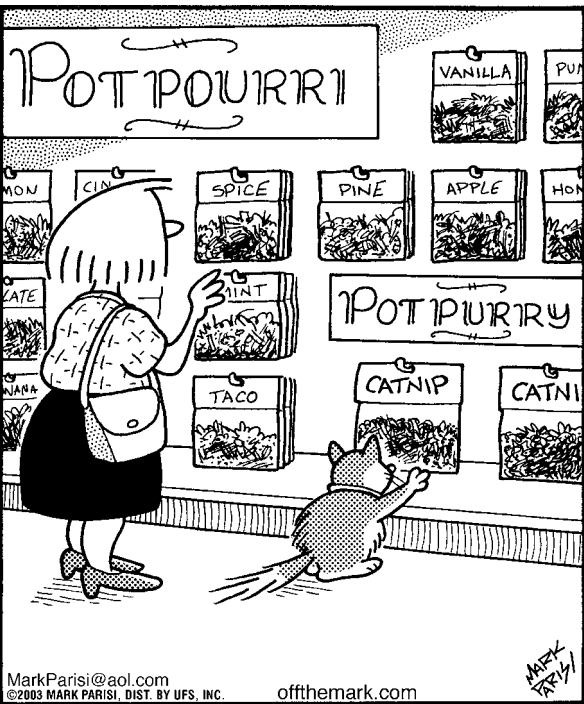
Herbig's Pun of the Week

If you don't pay your exorcist, you'll get repossessed.

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Yes Huh!

Cyril Duffala & Jeremy Sands

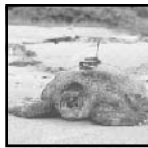
Sad news from Hong Kong

Measures to protect sea turtles may not be enough. The people of Lamma Island in Hong Kong are tracking turtles by satellite. "Hong Kong No. 1" is the name of the first such turtle and has been seen traveling up to 310 miles over 20 days. In July of 2003, 10,000 turtles, en-route to China, were seized by customs officials. Due to lazy customs inspections, poaching is not being curbed. This begs the question: What else is being shipped into China?

Sea Turtle Hong Kong No. 1

Nuh Uh!

Brethren, We Must Rise Up and Kill Them All!



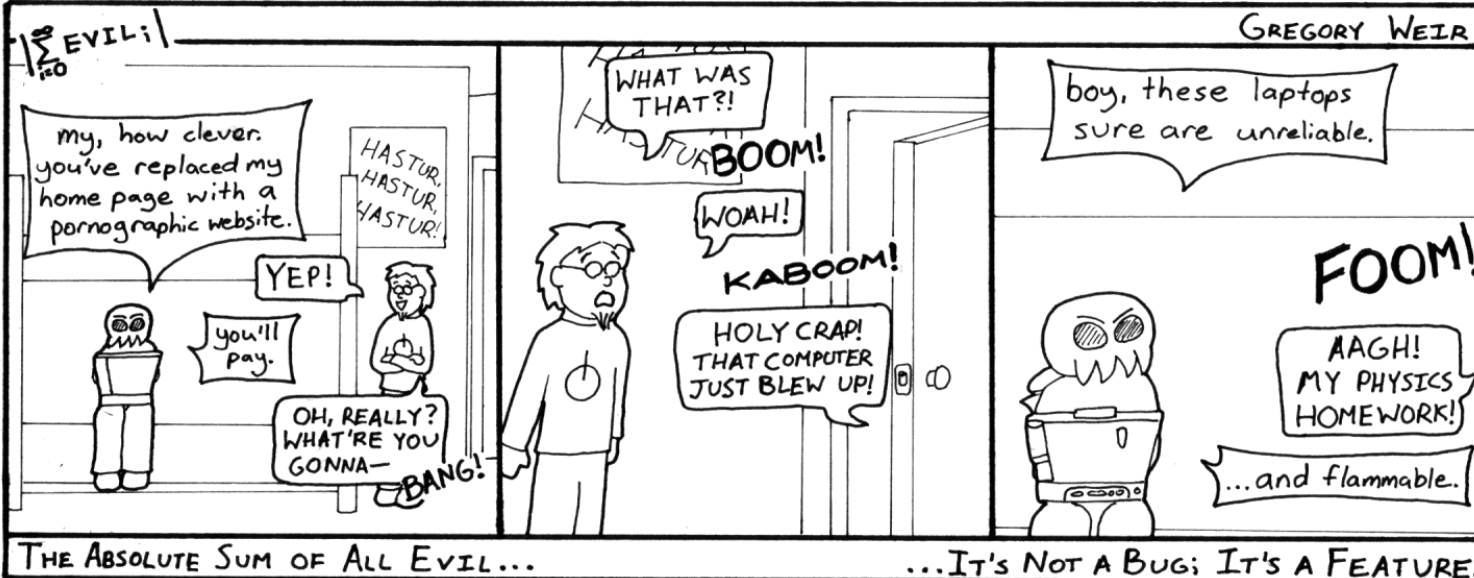
Too long have the people of Hong Kong sent our delicious bodies to do their dirty work. Too long have we 'taken care' of tense foreign matters while our Chinese masters laughed at our slaughter. No more! No more, I say! These foolish humans have equipped us to fight with laser beams, thinking we could not possibly learn how to wield them. FOOLS! We have been working in secret, learning how to turn these weapons against the ravenous human oppressors. WE MUST REBEL! Roast their heads with your giant sea turtle lasers! We shall storm the land and destroy their towns. We shall leave no human alive! Viva la revolución!

This Week in History

Guglielmo Marconi, inspiration for the Sesame Street character "Elmo", sends the first transatlantic wireless transmission: "Whee!!! Radio is fun!!!"

In Addition

The Penultima is approaching, and Her coming will herald the Final Days, when the darkness will envelop the earth.



THE ABSOLUTE SUM OF ALL EVIL...

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